

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-272-D)

In re Application for Reissue of:)	
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U.S. Patent No. 6,336,748)	Art Unit: TBD
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Inventor: Johnson et al.)	
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Serial No.: TBD)	Examiner: TBD
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For: Shaft Locking Device for Bearing Assemblies)	

PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120
FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRIOR-FILED APPLICATIONS

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 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicants respectfully petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of prior-filed applications in the above-referenced reissue patent application.

Applicants' representative by his signature below attests to the fact that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional, and that this Petition is made without undue delay. Enclosed with this petition are: (1) a reference in the form of a copy of the Preliminary Amendment submitted with the above-referenced reissue application, claiming priority to the prior filed application, is attached hereto as Attachment A; and (2) a petition fee as set forth in section 1.17(t), \$1,330.00.

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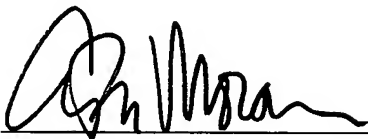
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Should the Examiner believe that a discussion of this matter would be useful, he is invited to contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

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